satellite imagery, the density of the forest cover in silent valley is as follows:

(i) Dense forest (density above 40%) is 81 Sq. kms.

(ii) Open forest (density 10% to 40%) is Nil.

(iii) Scrub (density 0 to 10%) is 3 Sq. kms.

Institute for Nursing

6264. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up more teaching Nursing institutes in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to provide grants in aid and other facilities to the State Government for Nursing institutes in private and Government Sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to set up any teaching nursing institute in the country. However, there is a proposal for financial assistance by Central Government for the setting up of 10 Schools of Nursing during the Eighth Five Year Plan in States having more concentration of SC/ST population. During 1991-92, a sum of Rs. 65 lakhs has been provided for such assistance. The capital expenditure will have however to be borne by the State concerned.

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Gurpadswami Committee on child Labour

6265. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ NO. 216 on December 27, 1989 and state that the steps taken to implement the recommendations of Gurpadswami Committee of Child Labour accepted in full/part/revised forms by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) Steps taken in pursuance of the accepted recommendations of the Gurupadaswami Committee on Child Labour are set out in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

(1) A child Labour Cell has been set up in the Ministry of Labour.

(2) A Central Advisory Board on Child Labour has been set up to advise Government on the measures to be taken towards progressive elimination of child labour.

(3) The child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been enacted which—

(i) prohibits the employment of children below 14 years of age in certain specified occupations and processes;

(ii) seeks to regulate the conditions of work/work environment of children in employments in which they are not prohibited

from working;

(iii) brings about uniformity in the definition of "Child" (as " a person who has not completed his 14 years of age") in the Minimum Wages Act, 1984, the Plantations Labour Act, 1951, the Merchant Shipping ACt, 1958 and the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961;

(iv) empowers any person to file a complaint of the commission of an offence under the Act in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(v) provides for stringent penalty provisions for violation of provisions relating to child labour. The penalties will apply for violations of the provisions of minimum age of entry into employments in the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961.

(4) The Government of India in the Ministry of Labour has taken up a Centrally-sponsored scheme for strengthening the enforcement machinery in States for better implementation of laws relating to child and women labour.

(5) Dialogue has been initiated with Trade Unions and employers organisations to explore their cooperation in respect of the needs of working children.

(6) All State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations have been addressed from time to time to strictly enforce the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act.

(7) Department of education have set up a number of non-formal education centres with the help of voluntary organisations.

(8) The recommendations of the Committee were also considered while formulating the National Child Labour Policy—1987.

(9) Financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations for taking up action-oriented project aimed at benefitting child labour.

(10) Under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, a "Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee" has been constituted to advise the Central Government for the purpose of adding to the list of occupations and processes in which employment of children is prohibited.

Allotment of Government quarters on Concessional Rate

6266. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to the